Ten resolutions of different important aspects were passed at the session.

Seven papers based on newly discovered original records pertaining to the post-1600 period of Indian History were read and discussed at the academic session of the Commission.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF ARCHIVISTS

The 28th meeting of the National Committee of Archivists was held at Bikaner on 23rd February, 1976. In the meeting, the various heads of the State Archives under the Chairmanship of Director, National Archives of India, discussed their mutual archival problems. Five resolutions on different subjects were passed.

TOWARDS FREEDOM PROJECT

The National Archives of India has undertaken a project entitled "Towards Freedom" in collaboration with the Indian Council of Historical Research, which envisages reproduction of documents covering the period 1937-47 in 10 volumes.

The research teams of both the organisations met twice (the 12th May and 26th September) and reviewed the progress of work, discussed research and operational problems, and chalked out programmes for further work.

The National Archives of India unit selected relevant materials from the records of the following series:

(i) Indian Independence League papers (1937), (ii) Govind Ballabh Pant Papers (1937, 1939), (iii) Purshottam Das Tandon Papers (1937-40), (iv) Jayakar Papers (1937-38), (v) Sampurnanand Papers (1937-39), (vi) Dr. N.B.Khare Papers (1937), (vii) Records of the Viceroy's Executive Council (Cabinet ecretariat) (1937-45), (viii) Records of the President's Secretariat (1937-45), (ix) Lord Zetland Papers (in microfilm) (1937-40), (x) Sir Harry Haig Papers (in microfilm) (1937-40), (xi) Lord Erskine Papers (in microfilm) (1937-38), and (xiii) Records of the Office of the Crown Representative (in microfilm) (1937).

About 6,681 pages were typed during the period. The typed materials were forwarded to Indian Council of Historical Research along with subject lists.

MANUAL OF INDIAN ARCHIVES

Brief of the study reports of the record offices visited during 1975 were prepared and an Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Biseshwar Prasad, was set up to advice the Unit in the final selection of the materials to be incorporated in the proposed Manual. The Committee held its first meeting on 23rd September 1975 at the National Archives of India and approved the lay out and the detailed synopsis. As recommended by the Committee, the materials for the chapters is under compilation.

GUIDE TO THE RECORDS

Compilation of a "Guide to the Records in the National Archives of India" was continued during the period under review.

Information on the record series of the following Departments were collected during the period under review :-

(1) Home Department/Ministry of Home Affairs, (2) Foreign Department, (3) Office of the Private Secretary to Viceroy and its Successor Bodies, (4) Education, Health and Lands Department, (5) Reforms Office and (6) Bombay and Madras Governments and Strait Settlement Despatches.

LIBRARY

6,092 books were acquired and 12,111 titles were amalgamated during the period under report.